

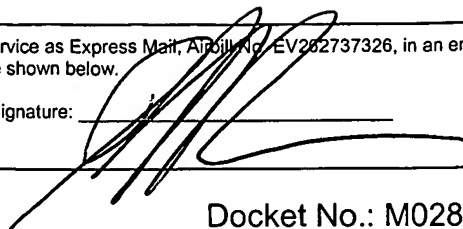
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In re Patent Application of:
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Art Unit: 2666

For: MINIMUM COST ROUTING BASED ON
RELATIVE COSTS OF NODE RESOURCES

Examiner: S. Ahmed

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	33	- 33* =		X	
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